

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Are we allowed to work with contractors out-of-state?

Answer: Yes, you can do business with subcontractors out-of-state but they must be registered to do business in California. Note: To obtain detailed information on how to register to do business in California refer to the Secretary of State web site at www.ss.ca.gov. Go to the California Business Portal tab and select the "International Business Relations Program".

2. Does the DVBE participating company have to be from California?

Answer: No, the company does not have to be domiciled in California however, they must be registered with the Secretary of State to do business in California. However, the disabled veteran providing the service must be a resident of California and a California certified disabled veteran, certified by the Department of General Services, Procurement Division. Refer to web site www.pd.dgs.ca.gov for details on how to register as a DVBE in California.

3. For the Disabled Veteran Enterprise Participation, the Good Faith documentation, what is the timeframe for the advertisement?

Answer: You must advertise for a minimum of 14 days. If you go to the Department of General Services Procurement Division web site you will find an excellent DVBE Resource Package which will direct you to Trade and Focus newspapers and as well as DVBE organizations.

If you meet the three percent, you do not have to advertise.

If you find that you need to search for DVBEs and you cannot find any DVBEs you must document all the efforts that you have put forth to find them. You must advertise, you must contact a state and federal agency, and you must solicit bids and contact the firms and do not give up. That is the key.

4. If I am awarded the contract, either with partial or full goal attainment documented, am I required to use the subcontractor/supplier proposed in my bid?

Answer: Yes, unless you have requested and received substitution approval from the State. There are a series of steps you must complete to go through that process to change it. If that happens please contact us.

5. Who notifies the subcontractor when an award is made?

Answer: Upon award to a prime contractor, the awarding department notifies listed subcontractors of their contract participation. Primes are encouraged to

notify their listed subcontractors immediately after an award is made to formalize their business agreements.

6. What happens to bids considered non-responsive to the DVBE Participation Program requirements?

Answer: Non-responsive bids are rejected. Many are rejected because of incomplete documentation.

7. If I am a disabled veteran business enterprise, can I meet the 3% contract goal as a single company?

Answer: Yes.

8. If my submitted bid meets the contract goal and the State decides to make multiple awards to the bid/contract, could my bid be considered non-responsive?

Answer: No, the State's decision to make multiple awards will not jeopardize bid compliance.